

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

In a conversation with Primary Examiner Valentine on November 17, 2004, the Examiner indicated that he would enter the above amendment if submitted in an Amendment under 37 CFR 1.312. Accordingly, the amendment is now submitted for entry.

As discussed at that time, the amendment simply ensures the consistency of the language of the claim, even though the meaning and scope of the claim were clear from the previous language. Thus, the addition of the word "layer" does not change the scope of the claim and is of a minor character. As such, it is respectfully submitted that entry at this time is appropriate. Such entry is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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